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SUBJ: ECLA 15 TH SESSION : PLENARY

SUMMARY: MARCH 23 PM MEETING ECLA PLENARY OPENED
WITH READING OF SOME 20 CHIEFS OF STATE AND MINISTERIAL
STATEMENTS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT NIXON'S STATEMENT,
COMMEMORATING 25 TH ANNIVERSARY. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS,
STATEMENTS WERE OF PROTOCOL NATURE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION
ECLA'S WORK AND COMMENDING PAST AND PRESENT EXEC.
SECRETARIES. SUBSEQUENTLY STATEMENTS MADE
BY OAS' GALO PLAZA, IDB'S ORITZ MENA, AMB SANTA
CRUZ, UNCTAD'S PEREZ GUERRERO AND IMF REPRESENTATIVE.
END SUMMARY.

1. CHIEFS OF DELS READ OUT STATEMENTS FROM THEIR
CHIEFS OF STATE OR FONMINS AT MARCH 23 PM MEETING ECLA
PLENARY. MOST STATEMENTS SHORT AND OF PROTOCOL NATURE.
ARGENTINE STATEMENT (PRESIDENTIAL) WAS UNCOMMONLY LONG
AND ESPECIALLY LAUDATORY OF DR. PREBISCH. BRAZILIAN
STATEMENT (PRESIDENTIAL) FORMAL. CANADIAN
(EX . AFFS. SHARPE) FORMAL. CHILEAN (PRESIDENTIAL)
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WAS 5 PAGE NOTE REPLETE WITH DOCTRINAL OVERTONES BUT OVERALL NOT HARSH IN TONE. COLOMBIAN (PRESIDENTIAL) FORMAL. COSTA RICAN (PRESIDENTIAL) WAS SURPRISINGLY SHARP, WITH EXHORTATIONS TO STRUGGLE AND NEGATIVE REFERENCES TO US. CUBAN (PRESIDENTIAL) MADE SPECIAL POINT THAT ECLA HAS ALWAYS BEEN HELPFUL TO AND TREATED CUBA FAIRLY. THE STATEMENT WAS MILD IN TONE. EL SALVADORAN STATEMENT WAS MADE IN NAME ALL CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND WAS PURELY FORMAL CONGRATULATIONS WITH THANKS FOR ECLA'S HELP. FRENCH (FORNMIN) FORMAL.

2. PRESIDENT NIXON'S MESSAGE (QUITO 1414) DELIVERED BY AMB ZAGORIN, WAS GREETED WITH POLITE APPLAUSE AS WAS TRUE OF ALL STATEMENTS DELIVERED BEFORE AND AFTER. GUYANA (PRESIDENTIAL) FORMAL, AS WERE THOSE OF JAMAICA (PM), MEXICO (PRESIDENTIAL), PARAGUAY, PERU (PRESIDENTIAL) UK (FOREIGN MINISTER HUME). TRINIDAD & TOBAGO (PM WILLIAMS) WAS ESPECIALLY THOUGHTFUL STATEMENT EMPHASIZING REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN GENERAL AND CARIFTA IN PARTICULAR. WILLIAMS' STATEMENT INCLUDED IDEA THAT NON- INDEPENDENT TERRITORIES IN CARIBBEAN SHOULD BE ASSOCIATED IN INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF THAT SYSTEM. URUGUAY (PRESIDENTIAL) FORMAL, AS WAS VENEZUELA (PRESIDENTIAL) AND FRG (BRANDT). FULL TEXTS OF ALL STATEMENTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN ECLA REPORT.

3. OTHER SPEECHES REPORTED SEPTEL.
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